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1. There are three alcohol factories in Albania; one at Shkoder, Korce and at Elbasan. The alcohol is distilled from maize. These factories work only two to five months of the year.
2. There are three leather factories working for the army. Two of these factories are at Gjinokaster and one at Drac. The daily output is from 1,000 to 1,500 kilograms.
3. The cement factory at Shkoder (Tarabos) is managed by Albanian engineers; the daily output is 80-100 tons.
4. There are two oil factories, one at Elbasan and the other at Vlone.
5. Chemical products are not manufactured in Albania but are imported from the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. During 1945 the Albanian Government confiscated all medicines and drugs and used the stocks seized (of German manufacture) to satisfy the needs of the population.
6. The economic life generally of the country was directed (before the Tito-Cominform break) by the Yugoslavs through the medium of three companies as follows:
 - a. The Albano-Yugoslav Commercial Company at Tirana
 - b. The Albano-Yugoslav Export-Import Company at Tirana
 - c. The Albano-Yugoslav Company for the Exploitation of Mines in Albania.

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